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ASK SCIENTIFIC AID
FOR WHITE SEA FISHERMEN

SEEK INCREASE IN FISH CATCH -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 213, 28 Oct 49

In a letter to the editors, P. Postnikov, assistant director of the White Sea Motorized Fishing Station, states that White Sea fishermen are asking scientists to help them increase the size of the fish catch. Postnikov makes the following statements:

Statistical data shows that during the past 4 years the fish catch in the White Sea has barely increased. This is due in a considerable degree to the fact that commercial fish resources in the sea have not been studied. Furthermore, neither the type of ship most suitable for White Sea fishing nor new fishing equipment has yet been designed.

Fishermen must first be taught, and must understand, the technology of drift fishing. Facts show that drift fishing in the White Sea can be carried on in summer with favorable results. Second, the fishermen must begin to use other equipment, such as gill nets for herring. Third, it is necessary to develop the technique of raising navaga in its natural habitat, since the navaga industry has recently begun to die out. Navaga when raised in its natural state is of a higher quality than that raised under artificial conditions. Fourth, heavy herring seines should be put into use. The seines should be larger and deeper so that they can be used in the open sea by being lowered into the water with the aid of purse seine winches. Finally, the hypericaceae industry must be restored in the White Sea. The sea has many porpoises and seals, but local fishermen do not even know how to catch them by using nets, a new method now being used widely in other northern water basins. Scientific workers can help expand this means of fishing.

Fishermen are interested in knowing the scientific explanation of many natural phenomena. For example, herring fishermen of Sorokskaya Guba, without knowing the underlying cause, have noticed that if in the fall (September-October)

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there are southwest and west winds, a good herring season may be expected. To explain this and other similar phenomena, scientists should work more closely with fishermen.

STOCK LAKES WITH SEVAN TROUT -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 212, 26 Oct 49

This spring, 75 million live roe of Sevan trout were brought to Omega and other lakes in the Karelo-Finnish SSR from Lake Sevan. Sevan trout differs from local varieties of trout in Karelo-Finnish SSR by its larger size and fast rate of growth. It has developed well in the new locations. In 1950, Karelo-Finnish lakes will be stocked with an additional 80 million live roe.

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